Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
11/15/2017	South Patrol Division / Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station	[ ]	[x]

Incident Information

URN: 015-05866-1577-013	Date: 7/29/2015	Time: 2340	
City or Station: Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station	Nature of Incident: Suspect Oscar Romero was shot and killed by Deputy Steven Huerta after he swung and struck Deputy Huerta with two metal poles.		
Location: [redacted] Rose Hedge Drive, Whittier, California 90606			

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [ ] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [x] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [ ] Street
- Other: ______

Lighting (*check only one*):
- [x] Darkness
- [ ] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- [x] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance: Within 3-5 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Accidental
- [x] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [ ] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other: ______

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [x] Call
- [ ] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [ ] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [x] Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? [ ] Canine Unit? [ ]

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
1	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Vega	Ricardo		[x] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Reyes	Leticia	X	[ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.			
[redacted]	[redacted]				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Did not provide		
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Did not provide		
Last Name	**First Name**	**M.I.**			
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	N/A	[redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Chapman	Scott	D	[x] On Duty [x] Present during shooting [x] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
				[ ] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Serrano	Andrew	M

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Villanueva	Alexandro	

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Officer Involved Shooting

RN: 015-05866-1577-013

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
7/30/15	0315		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Dang	Luan	V
[redacted]	Adams	John	D
[redacted]	Carter	Quitman	V

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
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(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
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(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
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(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	OB					BR	AR
S#1	E#1	OB					NN	HE
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	DH	FA

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Involved Employee Information

URN: 015-05866-1577-013

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Huerta	First Name: Steven	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Pico Rivera Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 152E
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 5	Duty Time (hrs): 10	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: 39 Height: 5'08 Weight: 230			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: M&P Caliber 9MM # Shots 1		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E ___

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
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Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots	
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Romero		First Name: Oscar	M.I. L
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 47 D.O.B. 4/23/68	Height: 511 Weight: 185	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2015-05241	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine, Ethanol
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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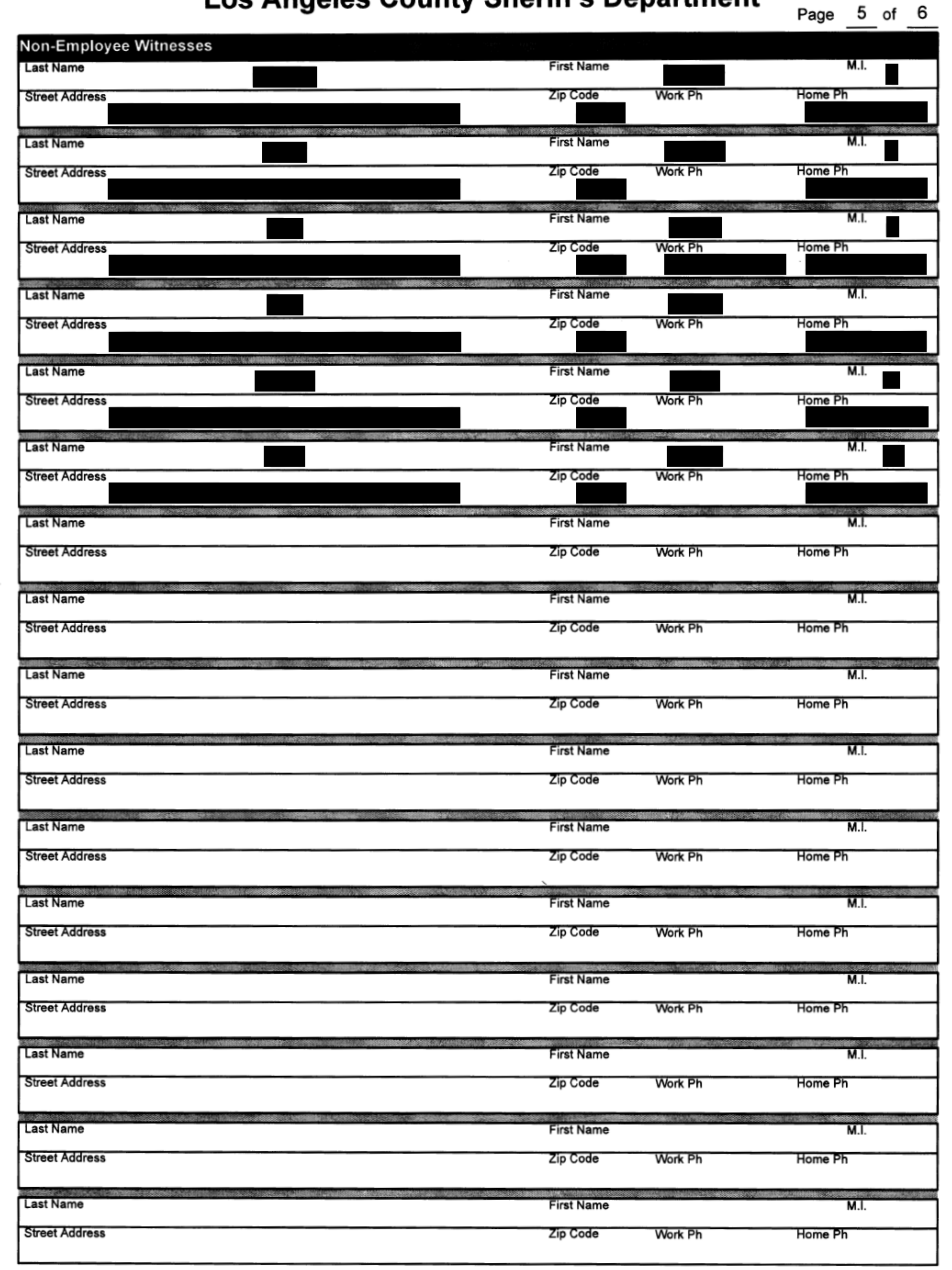
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Casarez	Anthony	D	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Lefevre	William	B	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Padilla	Daniel		6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Felix	Kenneth	P	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Avendano	Leonardo		6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Saldivar	Manuel		6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Stocz	Michael	W	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Ramirez	Richard	S	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Sanchez	Roy	M	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	
Hernandez	Jose	L	6631 S. Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California	90660	(562) 949-2421	

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 015-05866-1577-013 | Date: 7/29/2015 | Time: 2340

Location: [redacted] Rose Hedge Drive | City or Station: Whittier

Bureau/Station/Facility: Pico Rivera Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Taser

Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Quitman Carter | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: | Weight: | Age: 34 | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Pico Rivera Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 152D

Individual Force Used: Taser | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case # 2015-05241

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used: | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used: | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

On Duty Supervisor ☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Chapman	Scott	D	SGT	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Dang	Luan	V	SGT	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Vallenueva	Alexandro		LT

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** ______ Date ______ Copy Provided to Employee by: ______ Emp #: ______

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** ______ Unit Commander's **Signature**: ______ Emp #: ______ Date ______

[redacted]

FO#

☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Romero	Oscar	Lotari	Other

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex:	Race:	Age:	Height:	Weight	D.O.B:	Phone #1: ◉ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
◉ Male ○ Female	H	47	511	185	4/23/68	[redacted]	

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO Name: Captain Rivera Unit: Engine 17 Phone #: (562) 698-8455

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: [redacted] Coroner Case #: 2015-5241 Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ◉ YES ○ NO Substance: CNS Stimulant 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ◉ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☒ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: Time: ☐ Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐ Photos of Injuries: ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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Method

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(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Romero	S#1	Huerta	E#2	OB	BR	AR
Romero	S#1	Huerta	E#2	OB	NN	HE
[redacted]	E#1	Romero	S#1	TR	PW	AD
Huerta	E#2	Romero	S#1	FH	DH	FA

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	Status
[redacted]	Vega	Ricardo		Pico Rivera Station	152F	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty
[redacted]	Reyes	Leticia	X	Pico Rivera Station	152H	( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty
[redacted]	Casarez	Anthony	D	Pico Rivera Station	152H	( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]		49	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DNP	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	52	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	DNP	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	75	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	20	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	21	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	70	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		70	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	21	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	46	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

☐ Additional Witness

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Lefevre	William	B

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	152B	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Padilla	Daniel	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151T2	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Felix	Kenneth	P

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	152K2	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Avendano	Leonardo	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151T3	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Saldivar	Manuel	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151F	( ) EM ( ) Day (•) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Stocz	Michael	W

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151B	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Ramirez	Richard	S

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151B	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Sanchez	Roy	M

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Hernandez	Jose	L

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Pico Rivera Station	151K3	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular (●) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

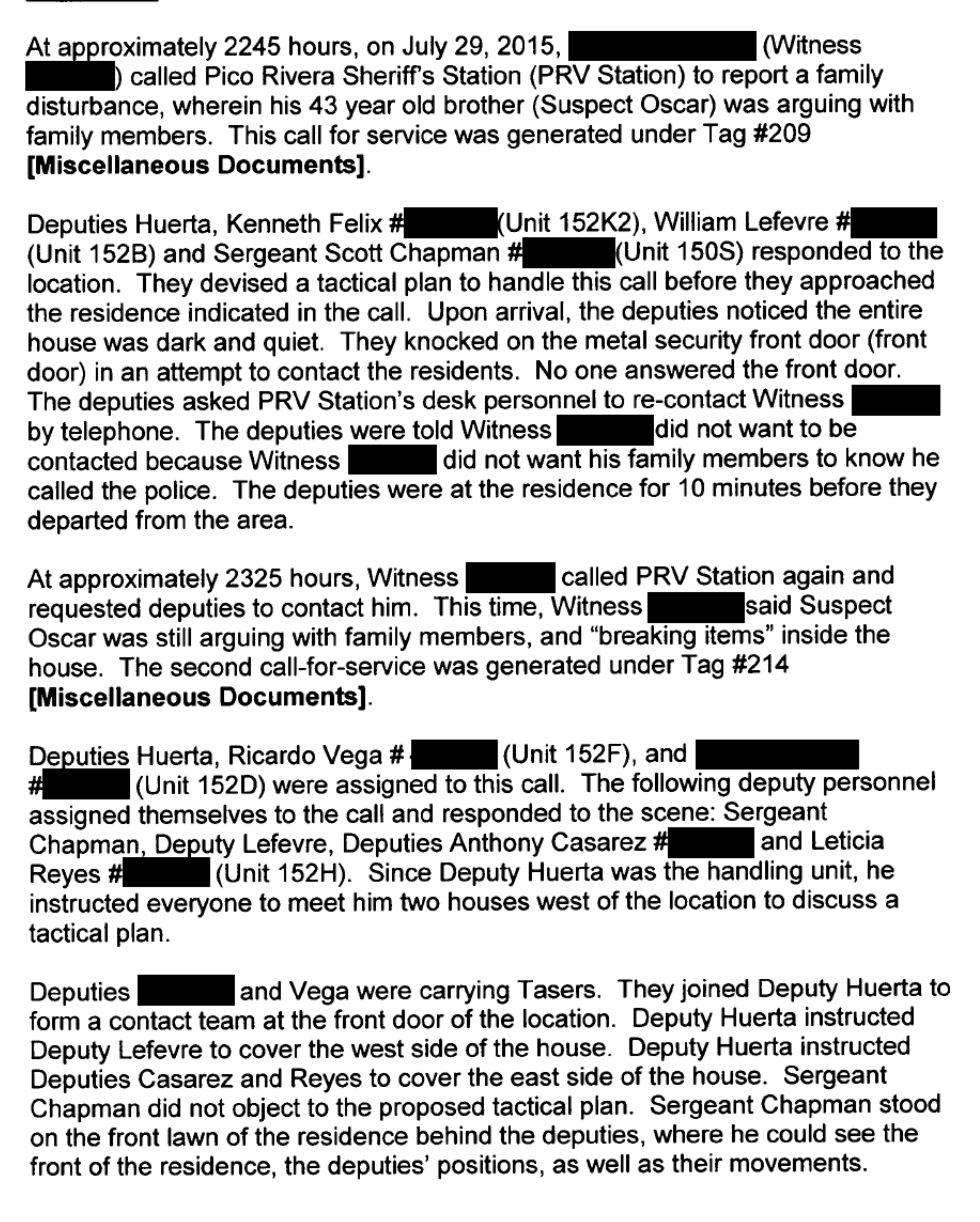
INCIDENT:	**On duty Hit-Shooting, Use of Taser, Suspect deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2386874 / FO 2386884**
URN:	**015-05866-1577-013**
DATE/TIME:	**July 29, 2015; 2340 hours**
LOCATION:	**[redacted] Rose Hedge Drive, Whittier, California 90606**

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, July 30, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators Sergeants Luan Dang, John Adams, Lieutenants Kelly Adler and Quitman Carter responded to an unincorporated area of Whittier, regarding a deputy involved hit-shooting incident. IAB investigators learned Suspect Oscar Romero (Suspect Oscar) used two pieces of a broken metal broom handle hit Deputy Steven Huerta #[redacted] (Unit 152E) in the head and shoulder areas. When Suspect Oscar raised the broken metal broom handle a second time, Deputy Huerta was in fear for his life. He fatally shot Suspect Oscar. Simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] (Unit 152D), a designated less-lethal deputy, activated his Taser to defend Deputy Huerta.

IAB Lieutenant Carter learned the on-duty Watch Commander, Lieutenant Alexandro Villanueva #[redacted] took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves, or with uninvolved persons, prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Additionally, the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorneys or union representatives. IAB Lieutenant Carter also learned the involved and witness personnel were gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided their statements to the assigned investigators.

Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris #[redacted] and Richard Tomlin #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department arrived and assumed control of the investigation - For further information refer to the Homicide Investigation Book, under URN #015-05866-1577-013 **[Exhibit A]**.



On May, 5, 2017, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of this case and determined Deputy Huerta acted in lawful self-defense when he used deadly force against Suspect Oscar **[Exhibit B]**.

SUMMARY

At approximately 2245 hours, on July 29, 2015, [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) called Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station (PRV Station) to report a family disturbance, wherein his 43 year old brother (Suspect Oscar) was arguing with family members. This call for service was generated under Tag #209 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

Deputies Huerta, Kenneth Felix #[redacted] (Unit 152K2), William Lefevre #[redacted] (Unit 152B) and Sergeant Scott Chapman #[redacted] (Unit 150S) responded to the location. They devised a tactical plan to handle this call before they approached the residence indicated in the call. Upon arrival, the deputies noticed the entire house was dark and quiet. They knocked on the metal security front door (front door) in an attempt to contact the residents. No one answered the front door. The deputies asked PRV Station's desk personnel to re-contact Witness [redacted] by telephone. The deputies were told Witness [redacted] did not want to be contacted because Witness [redacted] did not want his family members to know he called the police. The deputies were at the residence for 10 minutes before they departed from the area.

At approximately 2325 hours, Witness [redacted] called PRV Station again and requested deputies to contact him. This time, Witness [redacted] said Suspect Oscar was still arguing with family members, and "breaking items" inside the house. The second call-for-service was generated under Tag #214 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

Deputies Huerta, Ricardo Vega #[redacted] (Unit 152F), and [redacted] #[redacted] (Unit 152D) were assigned to this call. The following deputy personnel assigned themselves to the call and responded to the scene: Sergeant Chapman, Deputy Lefevre, Deputies Anthony Casarez #[redacted] and Leticia Reyes #[redacted] (Unit 152H). Since Deputy Huerta was the handling unit, he instructed everyone to meet him two houses west of the location to discuss a tactical plan.

Deputies [redacted] and Vega were carrying Tasers. They joined Deputy Huerta to form a contact team at the front door of the location. Deputy Huerta instructed Deputy Lefevre to cover the west side of the house. Deputy Huerta instructed Deputies Casarez and Reyes to cover the east side of the house. Sergeant Chapman did not object to the proposed tactical plan. Sergeant Chapman stood on the front lawn of the residence behind the deputies, where he could see the front of the residence, the deputies' positions, as well as their movements.

As the deputies walked toward the front door, they noticed one of the front windows was broken. They saw glass fragments on the front porch, as well as an uprooted palm tree and discarded flower pot(s) on the front lawn. The above described damage had not occurred when the deputies responded to the residence earlier.

When the deputies were about ten feet away from the front door, it suddenly swung open. Suspect Oscar stepped out, cursed at the deputies, and threatened to assault them. Just as suddenly, Suspect Oscar retreated and closed the front door behind him. Upon seeing this, Deputy [redacted] removed his Taser from its holster, and he remained to the left of Deputy Huerta. Deputy Vega stayed behind Deputies [redacted] and Huerta as they continued to walk toward the house. Deputies [redacted] and Huerta reportedly heard clicking sounds coming from the front door, as if the door lock was being engaged. Deputy Huerta stepped onto the front porch to check the doorknob and realized it was locked.

Deputies Huerta and [redacted] announced their presence and identified themselves as deputy sheriffs. Deputy [redacted] used his Taser's light to illuminate the interior of the house through the broken front window. He noticed the interior of the house was in disarray, and it was in complete darkness. At this time, Deputies Huerta and [redacted] were standing on the front porch near the exterior wall, while Deputy Vega stood behind them, with a Taser in hand, on the ground-level walkway. The deputies attempted to establish communication with the residents. They wanted to make sure no one inside the house was in need of medical attention, immediate rescue, or police intervention.

About thirty seconds after the deputies made their announcements, Witness [redacted] walked down the east driveway, toward the locked side gate. Deputy Vega left his position by the front door and went to the east driveway to assist Deputies Casarez and Reyes with the detention of Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] did not have a key to unlock the side gate, so the deputies instructed him to climb over it. He complied. Deputy Casarez escorted Witness [redacted] away from the house to speak with him, while Deputies Vega and Reyes remained by the east side gate. Seconds later, Suspect Oscar violently forced the front door open, causing it to hit the outer wall of the residence.

The front door was a left-hand outswing door (i.e., it opened from east to west). When it swung open, Deputy Huerta believed Deputy [redacted] would have a perfect angle to defeat any potential threat with less lethal force (Taser) instead of using lethal force option first **[Huerta, IAB Interview, page 36]**.

When the front door opened, Deputies Huerta and [redacted] had just stepped off the front porch. They were standing approximately four to five feet away from the front door. They saw Suspect Oscar holding what appeared to be a metal "pipe" with a bent end **[Huerta, IAB interview, page 39]**.

IAB Note: The metal "pipe" seen by Deputies Huerta and [redacted] was in fact a broken metal broom handle. The metal broom handle was a hollow metal rod, approximately five feet long, with blue paint covering its entire length. There was a black and yellow plastic grip at the top, and a yellow threaded stud at the bottom to connect to a broom or paint roller. It was broken nearly in half. One segment of the broken metal broom handle was approximately 32.5 inches long, and the other half was about 27.5 inches long. The two halves of the broken metal broom handle were collected by crime lab personnel from the front porch of Suspect Oscar's residence.

Without any provocation, Suspect Oscar raised the metal "pipe" above his head and swung downward toward Deputy Huerta. Deputy Huerta raised his left arm to block the strike. The metal "pipe" hit Deputy Huerta's left upper arm. Suspect Oscar then raised the metal pipe above his head again. In fear for his life, Deputy Huerta fired one round from his duty weapon. The bullet struck Suspect Oscar's face, just below his right eye.

At the very same moment that Deputy Huerta fired his duty weapon, Deputy [redacted] activated his Taser in an effort to defend his partner. One of the Taser darts penetrated Suspect Oscar's pants near the groin area. The second Taser dart penetrated the right side of Suspect Oscar's abdomen **[Exhibit A, page 18]**.

IAB NOTE: The autopsy report shows a 3/8 x 5/8 contusion with a small central puncture, located in the right lower quadrant abdominal region **[Exhibit A, page 68]**.

Suspect Oscar was immediately incapacitated. He fell face down to the ground. The lower half of his body elevated on top of the front porch steps. Utilizing his portable radio, Deputy Huerta immediately advised he was involved in a shooting and requested paramedics for Suspect Oscar.

Personnel from the Los Angeles County Fire Department - Engine #17, Squad #28, arrived on scene and pronounced Suspect Oscar dead at 2353 hours.

After the shooting incident, the following deputies arrived on scene to conduct a protective sweep of the residence and/or provide security for the scene: Deputies Jose Hernandez #[redacted] (Unit 151K3), Roy Sanchez #[redacted] (Unit 151), Richard Ramirez #[redacted] (Unit 151B), Michael Stocz #[redacted] (Unit 151B), Manuel Saldivar #[redacted] (Unit 151F), Leonardo Avendano #[redacted] (Unit 151T3), Kenneth Felix #[redacted] (Unit 152K2) and Daniel Padilla #[redacted] (Unit 151T2).

All radio traffic is included in **[Exhibit C]**. Below is the summary of the radio traffic.

Radio traffic – Dispatch 3

Actual Time	Audio Time	Descriptions
22:46	02:15	SCC dispatched a family disturbance call to Deputy Huerta - Tag 209
22:52	03:00	Deputy Lefevre arrived at the location
22:54	04:32	Deputy Huerta arrived at the location
23:01	06:27	Deputy Huerta advised the situation is "Code 4."
23:26	12:12	SCC dispatched the second family disturbance call to Deputy Huerta - Tag 214
23:35	19:08	Deputies Reyes and Casarez arrived at the location
23:39	21:24	Deputy Huerta advised he was involved in a shooting and requested paramedics
23:41	23:36	Aero unit advised two minutes out from the location
23:42	25:04	Paramedics arrived
23:45	27:07	Deputy Lefevre informed deputies were conducting a protective sweep of the location
23:59	30:40	Deputy Lefevre advised the protective sweep was completed

Radio traffic – LTAC

Actual Time	Audio Time	Descriptions
22:46	00:14	Deputies coordinated their response to a family disturbance call - Tag 209
22:58	10:01	A deputy asked PRV Station's desk

		personnel to contact the informant. PRV Station's desk personnel advised the informant did not want to be contacted
23:27	04:14	Deputies coordinated to meet at Rose Hedge Drive
23:33	06:46	Deputies at the location asked the handling unit for instruction
23:40	13:18	Norwalk Sheriff's Station's desk personnel advised Norwalk deputies to respond to Rose Hedge Drive.
23:46	19:16	A deputy requested PRV Station's desk personnel to ask the Fire Department about their estimated time of arrival

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS:

Deputy Steven Huerta:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Deputy Huerta at PRV Station. Representing Deputy Huerta during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green and Shinee. The interview was recorded and transcribed **[Exhibit A, pages 238-260]**.

On November 1, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants Luan Dang and Jonathan Hoyt interviewed Deputy Huerta at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Deputy Huerta during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Rains, Lucia, and Stern. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Deputy Huerta received a family disturbance call-for-service at [redacted] Rose Hedge Drive, in the unincorporated area of Whittier, under Tag #209 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. The caller (Witness [redacted] indicated "Oscar" was drunk and arguing with family members. Witness [redacted] did not want to be contacted by the deputies. While driving to the location, Deputy Huerta instructed the responding deputies to meet him west of the location. He assigned containment positions to the deputies and made sure a less-lethal weapon was available if needed. Deputy Huerta assigned himself the responsibilities of using lethal force and radio communication as necessary.

IAB Note: Deputy Huerta remembered seeing Sergeant Scott Chapman at the location, but he could not remember which deputies showed up to assist him on Tag #209 **[Huerta, IAB Interview, page 7]**.

Once a tactical plan was in place, the deputies walked up to the residence. Deputy Huerta noticed the house was dark. He did not see any movement or hear any noise coming from inside the residence. Deputy Huerta could not see past the front door because the metal screen of the door had small rivet holes. Deputy Huerta knocked on the front door three times with his metal flashlight and announced his presence. No one answered the front door, so they left the location.

About 40 minutes later, Deputy Huerta received a second call-for-service to the same location under Tag #214 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. The informant (Witness [redacted] indicated "Oscar" was breaking items inside the residence and arguing with family members. This time, Witness [redacted] wanted to be contacted by the deputies.

Deputy Huerta instructed the responding deputies to meet him two houses west of the target location, behind a large recreational vehicle parked on the south side of Rose Hedge Drive. Before walking to the target location, Deputy Huerta designated the following assignments: Deputy Vega was the less-lethal weapon deputy (Taser). Deputy [redacted] was the contact deputy. Deputies Casarez and Reyes covered the east driveway while Deputy Lefevre covered the west side of the property. Deputy Huerta was responsible for using deadly force if necessary and radio communication. Deputy Huerta established a rally point for deputies to regroup in case of an emergency.

IAB Note: Sergeant Chapman was present when Deputy Huerta devised the above tactical plan.

Once Deputies Casarez, Reyes, and Lefevre moved to their designated areas, Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega walked toward the front door of the residence with Sergeant Chapman. At this time, Deputy Huerta noticed flower pots were strewn all over the front yard. There was a broken front window, and glass fragments were scattered on the front porch. When Deputy Huerta responded to this location earlier, he did not see the broken front window nor did he see the damaged flower pots on the front yard.

The deputies were walking within six feet of the front door, when it swung open. Deputy Huerta saw Suspect Oscar walk out. Suspect Oscar cursed at them and threatened to assault them **[Huerta, IAB Interview, page 26]**. Suspect Oscar retreated inside his house and closed the front door.

After Suspect Oscar retreated inside the house, Deputy Huerta approached the front door with Deputies Vega and [redacted] He heard clicking sounds as if

someone was locking it. Deputy Huerta checked the doorknob and realized it was locked. Deputy Huerta could not see beyond the front door, so he stood to the right side of the front door and made his announcements. He identified himself as a deputy sheriff and asked the residents to come outside to speak with him. He listened for any sound to ascertain if the residents were in medical distress, in need of rescue, and/or emergent police intervention **[Huerta, IAB Interview, page 33]**.

About a minute later, Witness [redacted] walked down the driveway and contacted one of the deputies on the east side of the house. Deputy Huerta saw Deputy Vega walk to the east side of the house to assist Deputies Casarez and Reyes with the detention of Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] was instructed to climb over the side gate, and he complied. Deputy Casarez detained and escorted Witness [redacted] away from the house, without any incident.

Deputy Huerta then heard footsteps coming from inside the residence. He alerted Deputy [redacted], who stood slightly behind him to his left, about someone coming to the front door. When the front door swung open, he saw Suspect Oscar holding a dark metal "pipe" in his right hand, which was raised above his head **[Huerta, Homicide Interview, page 243]**.

Suspect Oscar swung the metal pipe downward at Deputy Huerta's head. This unprovoked attack forced Deputy Huerta to duck his head and raise his left arm above his head to block the head strike. Suspect Oscar hit Deputy Huerta's left triceps. After striking Deputy Huerta's left triceps, Suspect Oscar raised the metal "pipe" above his head the second time. Deputy Huerta believed Suspect Oscar was "going for a second strike" **[Huerta, IAB Interview, page 44]**. In fear for his life, Deputy Huerta side stepped to the right and fired one round from his service firearm. Suspect Oscar did not have a chance to hit Deputy Huerta when he raised the metal pipe the second time.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Huerta was taken to Whittier Presbyterian Hospital, where he received medical treatment for a contusion on his left upper arm due to blunt force trauma **[Exhibit A, page 101]**.

Deputy Huerta said he heard the rapid electrical clicking sound of the Taser, while Suspect Oscar raised his hand the second time. After Deputy Huerta fired his weapon, Suspect Oscar fell to the ground with his lower body lying partially on the steps of the front porch. Deputy Huerta advised via the radio that he was involved in a shooting and requested paramedics for Suspect Oscar.

Deputy [redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Deputy [redacted] at PRV Station. Representing Deputy [redacted] during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Green

and Shinee. The interview was recorded and transcribed **[Exhibit A, pages 219-237]**.

On November 1, 2017, IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and Francois Chang interviewed Deputy [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Representing Deputy [redacted] during the interview was Attorney Maureen Okwuosa from the law firm of Rains, Lucia, and Stern. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Deputy [redacted] said he received a family disturbance call under Tag #214 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. The caller indicated a family member named "Oscar" was drunk and breaking items inside the residence. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy Huerta instruct deputies, via the radio, to meet him west of the target location. When he arrived, Deputy Huerta told him to be the contact person. Deputy [redacted] informed Deputy Huerta that he carried a Taser and could deploy it if needed. Deputy Huerta acknowledged his (Deputy [redacted] having a Taser available. Deputy Huerta told deputy personnel that he (Deputy Huerta) would be responsible for radio communication and use of lethal force if necessary. Deputy [redacted] remembered Deputy Huerta telling Deputies Casarez, Reyes, and Lefevre to take containment positions on both sides of the house. He recalled Sergeant Chapman was at the meeting with them.

Once they were done with the tactical meeting, Deputies [redacted], Vega, and Huerta walked around a parked recreational vehicle toward the front yard of the location. Deputies [redacted] Vega, and Huerta walked along a pathway, leading to the front door of the residence. Deputy [redacted] noticed a front window was broken and there were damaged flower pots scattered in the front yard.

Deputy [redacted] was walking within twelve feet of the front door when he saw it swing open. He saw Suspect Oscar step out. Suspect Oscar said something to the effect of "What the fuck do you want? Get the fuck out of here! I'm going to fuck you up" [redacted] **IAB Interview, page 11]**.

After Suspect Oscar yelled at the deputies, he quickly retreated into his house and closed the front door. Deputy [redacted] continued his approach to the front door with Deputies Huerta and Vega. Deputy Huerta checked the doorknob. It was locked. Deputy [redacted] used his Taser's light to look through the broken front window and could not see anyone inside the residence. He made some announcements for the residents to contact them.

While standing on the front porch, Deputy [redacted] attention was diverted to the east side of the house, where Witness [redacted] climbed over the side gate to contact the deputies. Deputy Vega went to the east side of the house to assist Deputies Casarez and Reyes with the detention of Witness [redacted] After Witness [redacted] was escorted away from the residence without any incident,

Deputy [redacted] stepped off the porch, backed away from the house, and refocused his attention toward the broken front window and the front door.

Approximately thirty seconds after Witness [redacted] was escorted away from the house, Suspect Oscar violently opened the front door, causing it to slam against the exterior wall. At this time, Deputies Huerta and [redacted] were standing about six feet apart from each other. Deputy [redacted] was standing to the left of, and a couple of feet back from the front door than Deputy Huerta. Suspect Oscar charged at Deputy Huerta. Suspect Oscar was holding what Deputy [redacted] described as a large metal "pipe" in his right hand. The pipe was approximately three to four feet in length **[[redacted] IAB Interview, page 22]**. Suspect Oscar raised the metal pipe above his head and swung it downward in a "tomahawk" motion toward Deputy Huerta **[[redacted] IAB Interview, page 24]**.

In fear for Deputy Huerta's life, Deputy [redacted] activated his Taser. The Taser darts connected with Suspect Oscar's body and completed its five-second cycle. He saw Suspect Oscar fall to the ground in front of him. At the time of the Taser's activation, Deputy [redacted] did not know Deputy Huerta had fired his weapon. Deputy [redacted] later realized a shooting had occurred when he saw blood come from Suspect Oscar's head, and heard Deputy Huerta requesting medical rescue for Suspect Oscar via the radio. Deputy Huerta further advised he had just been involved in a shooting. Deputy [redacted] was unaware that Suspect Oscar had struck Deputy Huerta before he (Deputy [redacted]) fired his Taser.

Deputy [redacted] stated he was in a state of shock immediately after the shooting. He held onto his Taser as he backed away from the shooting scene. He walked toward the sidewalk and realized he was still holding onto the Taser. Deputy [redacted] dropped his Taser on the grassy portion of the front yard. Deputy Lefevre, who was holding a containment position on the west side of the residence, escorted Deputy [redacted] away from the scene and drove him back to the station.

> **IAB Note:** The Taser Activation Log showed Deputy [redacted] Taser was activated under Sequence #203 for a five-second duration **[Exhibit A, page 127]**.

DEPARTMENT MEMBER INTERVIEWS:

Deputy Ricardo Vega:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Deputy Vega at PRV Station. On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Vega at PRV Station. Both interviews were recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interviews:

Deputy Vega responded to the location to assist Deputy Huerta with a family disturbance call. Deputy Vega met Deputy Huerta two or three houses west of the target location. He was tasked with carrying a Taser and its use if needed. After a tactical plan was discussed, Deputy Vega held his Taser in his hand as he approached the front door of the location with Deputies [redacted] and Huerta. He saw Sergeant Chapman at the tactical briefing, and noticed Sergeant Chapman also walked with them to the location. They were walking within fifteen feet from the front door, when Suspect Oscar exited the house, cursed at them, went back inside, and closed the front door **[Vega, IAB Interview, page 16]**.

Deputies Vega, [redacted] and Huerta continued their approach to the front door. Deputy Huerta positioned himself on the (west) right side of the front door, while Deputies Vega and [redacted] stood slightly in front of and to the (east) left side of the front door. Deputy Vega heard noises coming from the east driveway, behind the side gate. He walked toward the east driveway to assist Deputies Casarez and Reyes with the detention of Witness [redacted]. They were unable to open the side gate because it was locked. Deputies Vega, Casarez and Reyes instructed Witness [redacted] to climb over the side gate. Witness [redacted] complied. Deputy Casarez escorted Witness [redacted] away from the house to speak with him. Deputy Vega did not return to the front of the residence and remained by the side gate with Deputy Reyes.

Approximately 10 seconds later, Deputy Vega heard a loud booming sound coming from the area of the front door of the residence. He realized the front door was "kicked" open, and it hit the exterior wall. Immediately thereafter, Suspect Oscar charged at Deputy Huerta, holding what Deputy Vega described as a four foot long pair of "shears or bolt cutters" **[Vega, Homicide Interview, page 210]**. Suspect Oscar was holding the weapon as if he was holding a baseball bat.

> **IAB Note:** There were no bolt cutters or shears found in the vicinity of the suspect's body.

Suspect Oscar swung his weapon downward in a chopping motion, and it hit Deputy Huerta's left shoulder and head area once **[Vega, IAB Interview, page 35]**. Deputy Vega heard a loud pop and the sound of the Taser cycling. He saw the Taser's wires extending from Deputy [redacted] Taser, and he assumed the loud pop came from Deputy [redacted] Taser. Deputy Vega saw Suspect Oscar fall face down onto the concrete ground from the front porch. Before Deputy Vega was able to request paramedics to respond to the scene for a Taser deployment, he heard Deputy Huerta broadcast that he was involved in a deputy-involved shooting.

Deputy William Lefevre:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Sergeant Robert Gray and Detective Brandt House interviewed Deputy Lefevre at PRV Station. IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and John Adams were present during the interview. On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang conducted a follow up interview with Deputy Lefevre at PRV Station. The interviews were recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Deputy Lefevre responded to the initial call of a family disturbance under Tag #209 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. The responding deputies and Sergeant Chapman discussed a tactical plan to handle the call. Deputy Huerta instructed him (Deputy Lefevre) to take a containment position on the west side of the house. Once they were in their respective positions, Deputy Huerta attempted to contact the residents. Deputy Lefevre noticed the house was dark, and no one answered the front door. He remembered Deputy Huerta asked PRV Station's desk personnel to contact the informant on the call. They were unable to contact the caller or the residents, and they left the location.

Approximately 40 minutes later, Deputy Lefevre heard a second family disturbance call dispatched to the same location, Tag #214 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. He was not assigned to this call, so Deputy Lefevre assigned himself to it and met Deputy Huerta approximately two houses west of the indicated location. Deputy Huerta asked Deputy Lefevre to take a containment position on the west side of the house.

As he walked toward the house, Deputy Lefevre noticed a broken front window, a broken front porch light with dangling wires, and overturned planters in the front yard. From his containment position, Deputy Lefevre saw Deputies Huerta and [redacted] at the front door while Deputies Reyes, Casarez, and Vega were on the east side of the house **[Lefevre, IAB Interview, page 7].** Deputy Lefevre said Sergeant Chapman stood in front of the house closer to the street **[Exhibit A, page 29]**.

Deputy Lefevre did not see the front door open the first time, but he could hear it open and close. Deputy Lefevre then heard the deputies on the east side of the house talking to someone. He looked to the east and saw Witness [redacted] climb down from the side gate. Deputy Casarez detained Witness [redacted] and escorted him away from the house toward the street. Approximately 30 seconds later, the front door suddenly opened with such force that it hit the exterior wall of the residence. Deputy Lefevre's view was partially blocked by the front door.

Suspect Oscar was holding what Deputy Lefevre described as a rod or a pipe with a "white" handle at the tip. All Deputy Lefevre could see was the white tip of the object being raised in the air by Suspect Oscar **[Lefevre, Homicide Interview, page 29; IAB Interview, page 14]**. Deputy Lefevre heard a loud

"bang" and the repeated clicking sound of a Taser being cycled. Deputy Lefevre determined Deputy [redacted] had activated his Taser, because Deputy [redacted] was holding the Taser with wires dangling from it. Deputy Lefevre ran over to the front porch, where Deputies Huerta and [redacted] were standing, in an attempt to handcuff Suspect Oscar. As he reached Suspect Oscar's position, he realized Suspect Oscar was bleeding from the head. Deputy Lefevre assumed Suspect Oscar's head injury was the result of the fall from the front porch tonto the concrete ground. He did not know a shooting had occurred until later.

Deputy Leticia Reyes:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Sergeant Robert Gray and Detective Brandt House interviewed Deputy Reyes at PRV Station. IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and John Adams were present during the interview. On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang conducted a follow up interview with Deputy Reyes at PRV Station. The interviews were recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Deputy Reyes was Deputy Casarez' [redacted] While they were at the station, they heard a family disturbance call dispatch over the main radio frequency. Deputies Reyes and Casarez assigned themselves to the call and responded to the location.

Deputies Reyes and Casarez met Deputy Huerta three houses west of the indicated location. Deputy Huerta devised a tactical plan and assigned Deputies Reyes and Casarez to containment positions on the east side of the residence. Deputies Reyes and Casarez walked to their assigned positions. As Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega walked closer to the location, Deputy Reyes heard the front door slamming and clicking sounds of the door lock being engaged. She remembered one of the deputies checked the front door and advised it was locked. She heard one of the deputies make announcements for the residents to step out and contact them.

Deputy Reyes saw Witness [redacted] walk toward them, down the driveway from the rear of the house, with a flashlight in his hand. She ordered Witness [redacted] to come out of the driveway. From behind the gate, Witness [redacted] told Deputy Reyes that he could not walk outside, because the side gate was locked. Deputy Reyes told Witness [redacted] to jump over the side gate. He complied. Once Witness [redacted] was outside the gate, Deputy Casarez escorted him toward a patrol vehicle. Deputy Reyes kept her attention on Deputy Casarez and Witness [redacted] She wanted to make sure Deputy Casarez safely detained Witness [redacted] in a patrol vehicle. While she was looking away from the house, she heard the front door slam against the exterior wall. Next, she heard a single gunshot. She immediately turned around and saw Suspect Oscar falling face down onto the ground from the front porch. Deputy [redacted] was standing with his arms extended outward, while Deputy Huerta was crouching as if he was

going down on one knee **[Reyes, IAB Interview, page 25]**. Deputy Reyes heard Deputy Vega request rescue response for a Taser deployment against Suspect Oscar, but Deputy Huerta advised, via the radio, that he was involved in a shooting. After the incident, Deputy Reyes conducted a safety sweep of the residence. She also preserved the scene until she was relieved to return to PRV Station.

Deputy Anthony Casarez:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Sergeant Robert Gray and Detective Brandt House interviewed Deputy Casarez at PRV Station. IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and John Adams were present during the interview. On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang conducted a follow up interview with Deputy Casarez at PRV Station. The interviews were recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Deputy Casarez was on patrol [redacted] and working with Deputy Reyes at the time of the incident. They assigned themselves to the family disturbance call, Tag #214. When Deputies Casarez and Reyes arrived on scene, Deputy Huerta instructed them to take containment positions on the east side of the location.

Initially, Deputies Casarez and Reyes stood behind a tree for cover, which was between the driveway and the front door of the residence. From this position, Deputy Casarez saw Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega approach the front door. Deputy Casarez saw Suspect Oscar open the front door, which he believed nearly hit Deputy Huerta's body. After Deputy Huerta took a step backward to avoid being struck by the front door, Suspect Oscar retreated and closed the door. He saw Deputy Huerta check the doorknob. It was locked.

Approximately 45 seconds later, Deputy Casarez heard noises coming from the east driveway. He saw Witness [redacted] walk up and identify himself as the informant on the call **[Casarez, IAB Interview, page 11]**. Because it was locked, Deputy Casarez instructed Witness [redacted] to climb over the side gate. After Witness [redacted] climbed over the side gate, Deputy Casarez escorted him to a patrol vehicle.

While escorting Witness [redacted] to a patrol vehicle, Deputy Casarez heard the front door slam and a loud "pop." Deputy Casarez turned around and saw Suspect Oscar lying face down on the porch steps. Deputy Casarez quickly secured Witness [redacted] in a patrol vehicle and returned to the residence. He conducted a protective sweep of the residence with other deputies, and later returned to PRV Station for an interview.

Deputy Daniel Padilla:

On August 30, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Padilla at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

At the time of the incident, Deputy Padilla was [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. Deputy Padilla became aware of the incident, assigned himself to the call, and responded to the scene. When Deputy Padilla arrived at the location, he saw Suspect Oscar's body lying on the front porch area of the residence. Deputy Padilla transported two female witnesses to PRV Station, but he did not remember their names. He did not provide any further relevant information.

Deputy Michael Stocz:

On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Stocz at PRV Station. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

At the time of the incident, Deputy Stocz was [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. Deputy Stocz heard the emergent radio traffic requesting units to respond to the location. Deputy Stocz assigned himself to the call. He provided outer perimeter security for the scene. Deputy Stocz did not witness the shooting, nor did he go near the residence.

Deputy Kenneth Felix:

On October 4, 2017, IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and Francois Chang interviewed Deputy Felix at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Felix heard over the radio frequency that a deputy-involved shooting just occurred in the unincorporated area of Whittier. Deputy Felix responded and learned Deputy Huerta was the deputy involved in the shooting. He transported Deputy Huerta to PRV Station.

Deputy Leonardo Avendano:

On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Avendano at PRV Station. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

At the time of the incident, Deputy Avendano was [redacted] Deputy Avendano assigned himself

to the call. When he arrived at the location, Deputy Avendano said the situation was "stagnant" **[Avendano, IAB interview, page 4].** He was instructed by the investigators to author the first crime report under URN 015-05866-1577-013.

Deputy Richard Ramirez:

On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Ramirez at PRV Station. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

At the time of the incident, Deputy Ramirez [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. Deputy Ramirez heard radio traffic requesting units to respond to a deputy-involved shooting in the unincorporated area of Whittier. He assigned himself to the call. When he arrived, he transported a witness to PRV station, where he remained with the witness until the arrival of the investigators.

Deputy Manuel Saldivar:

On September 13, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Deputy Saldivar at PRV Station. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

At the time of the incident, Deputy Saldivar [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. He heard radio traffic requesting units to respond to a deputy-involved shooting in the unincorporated area of Whittier. Deputy Saldivar assigned himself to the call. When he arrived at the location, he transported an elderly Hispanic female to PRV Station. Afterward, Deputy Saldivar returned to the scene and provided security at a containment position.

Deputy Roy Sanchez:

On September 13, 2017, Deputy Sanchez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Luan Dang at PRV Station. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Sanchez assigned himself to assist Deputy Huerta regarding Tag #214. However, Deputy Sanchez [redacted], Tag #215 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. At the time of the incident, Deputy Sanchez was still at the [redacted] address. When he heard radio traffic requesting units to respond to a deputy-involved shooting, Deputy Sanchez responded and contacted Sergeant Scott Chapman. Deputy Sanchez conducted a protective sweep of the house and surrounding area with other deputies.

Sergeant Jose Hernandez:

On August 30, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Sergeant Hernandez at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was recorded and transcribed.

At the time of the incident, Sergeant Hernandez was assigned to PRV Station as a detective. Sergeant Hernandez was [redacted] Sergeant Hernandez responded to the location ten minutes after the incident occurred and was assigned to a containment position.

Sergeant Scott Chapman:

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Sergeant Chapman at PRV Station. IAB Sergeants Luan Dang and John Adams were present during Sergeant Chapman's interview with the homicide detectives. On September 19, 2017, IAB Sergeant Luan Dang interviewed Sergeant Chapman at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interviews were recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of both interviews:

Sergeant Chapman said he responded to the same location twice that evening. In the first call (Tag #209), Sergeant Chapman met the deputies in front of a house west of the indicated location. At this meeting, Deputy Huerta devised a tactical plan and delegated the responsibilities to the deputies (i.e., use of less-lethal weapon, lethal force, radio communication). They also designated a rally point to regroup in an emergency.

Once the plan was established, Sergeant Chapman followed the deputies as they walked toward the residence. Sergeant Chapman stayed approximately ten feet behind them. Deputy Huerta knocked on the front door and loudly identified himself. The house was dark. No one answered the front door. Deputy Huerta contacted PRV Station's desk personnel via his portable radio. After PRV Station's desk personnel informed Deputy Huerta that the informant did not want to be contacted and since there was no evidence of criminal activity, Sergeant Chapman and the deputies left the location.

Later that same night, Deputy Huerta received a family disturbance call at the same location, Tag #214 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**. Sergeant Chapman met the deputies, two houses west of the location. After Deputy Huerta went over a tactical plan and delegated assignments to the deputies, Sergeant Chapman walked with them toward the house. Deputies Reyes and Casarez took containment positions on the east side of the residence. Deputy Lefevre took a containment position on the west side of the location. Sergeant Chapman remained at a tree near the sidewalk in front of the house, as the deputies fanned out in front of him. From this position, he could watch the house, the deputies' positions, and give the deputies instructions as needed. Sergeant Chapman

noticed a front window was broken, the rain gutter was pulled off, and some flower pots were strewn about on the front yard. He did not see this damage during his first response to the location earlier that night.

When Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega were within fifteen feet from the house, Suspect Oscar opened the front door and took a fighting stance in the threshold. Suspect Oscar said something to the effect of "I'm going to kill you guys" or "I'm going to fuck you up." Immediately thereafter, Suspect Oscar closed the front door and locked it.

Sergeant Chapman stopped advancing toward the front door. He moved behind a large tree in the front yard and used it as his cover and concealment. Sergeant Chapman chose this position because he could see Deputy Lefevre on the west side of the house, Deputies Casarez and Reyes on the east side of the house, and Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega as they approached the front of the house. Sergeant Chapman believed he could hear and see the situation from where he was standing. He could provide instruction to the deputies as needed. After Suspect Oscar closed the front door, Deputies Huerta, [redacted] and Vega quickly approached the house and positioned themselves by the front door. The deputies were trying to assess the situation to see if a crime occurred, was about to occur, or if someone was in need of medical assistance or law enforcement intervention.

Seconds later, Sergeant Chapman heard noises coming from the east driveway, behind a side gate. Sergeant Chapman heard Deputy Casarez speaking with a person (Witness [redacted]) behind the side gate. Sergeant Chapman learned the side gate was locked. He instructed Deputy Casarez to have Witness [redacted] climb over it. He saw Deputy Vega walk toward Deputy Casarez to provide back up. Deputy Casarez searched, handcuffed, and escorted Witness [redacted] away from the house to a patrol car.

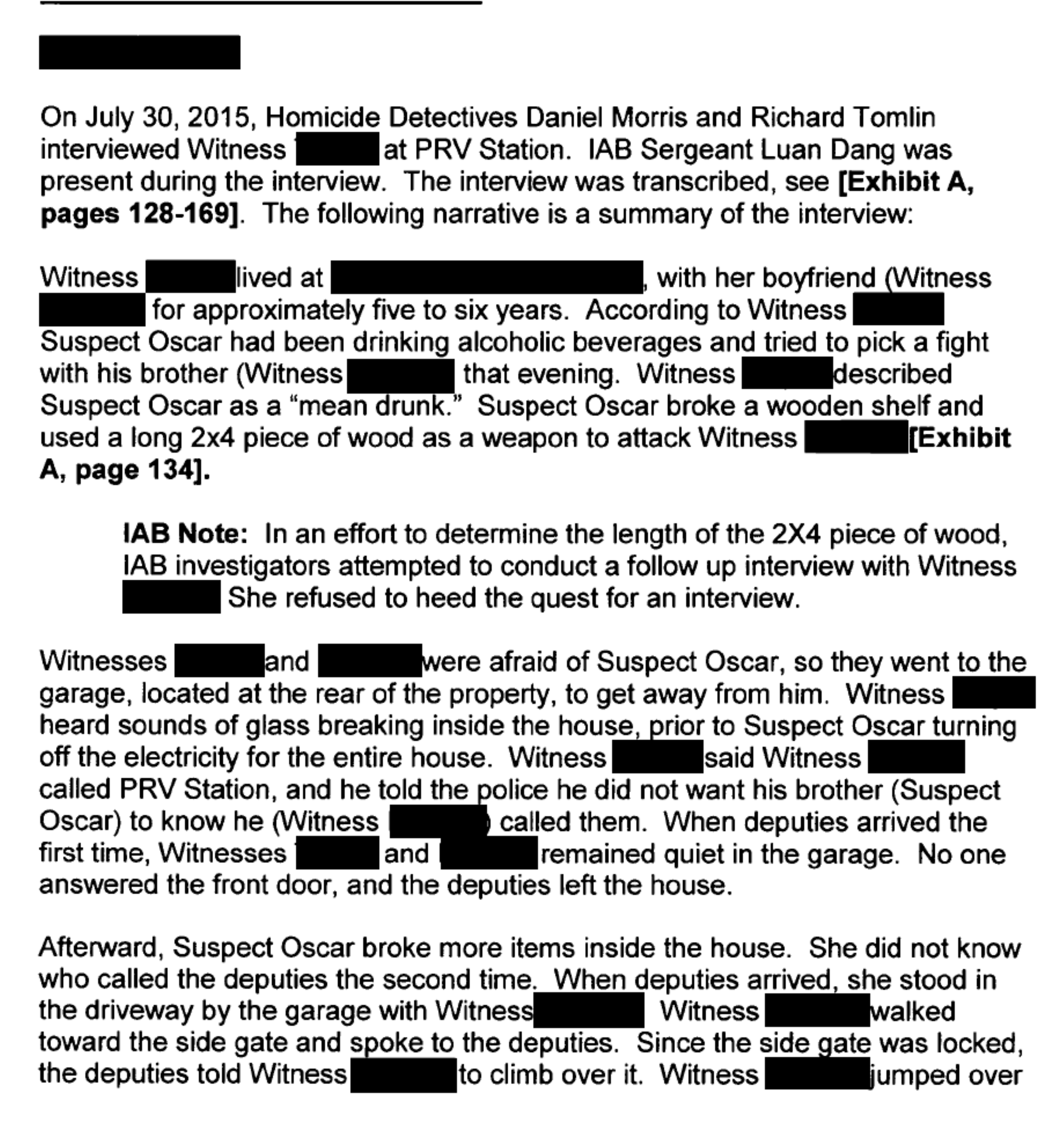
Within a minute after Deputy Casarez and Witness [redacted] walked away from the house, the front door swung open. Sergeant Chapman saw Suspect Oscar holding what Sergeant Chapman described as a pair of metal bolt cutters or pruning shears. He said the weapon in Suspect Oscar's hands was about four feet long and reddish in color **[Chapman, IAB Interview, page 19]**.

> **IAB Note:** There were no bolt cutters or pruning shears found within the vicinity of the suspect's body.

Suspect Oscar swung the weapon in a downward motion at Deputy Huerta's head. Deputy Huerta reacted by raising his left arm above his head to block Suspect Oscar's attack and twisting his body to the left. Sergeant Chapman heard a "pop" and the repeated clicking sound of the Taser. Suspect Oscar fell to the ground. Initially, Sergeant Chapman believed Suspect Oscar was

incapacitated due to the use of the Taser. He did not see a muzzle flash nor did he hear any verbal communication when Suspect Oscar attacked Deputy Huerta.

Deputy Huerta immediately advised over the radio that he was involved in a shooting. Once additional deputies arrived on scene, Sergeant Chapman instructed deputies to conduct a safety sweep of the house for any possible victims and/or witnesses. The deputies located some witnesses inside the residence and the garage. They unlocked the side gate and escorted the witnesses to the patrol vehicles. Once the house was cleared and secured, Sergeant Chapman returned to PRV Station for an interview.



CIVILIAN WITNESS INTERVIEWS:

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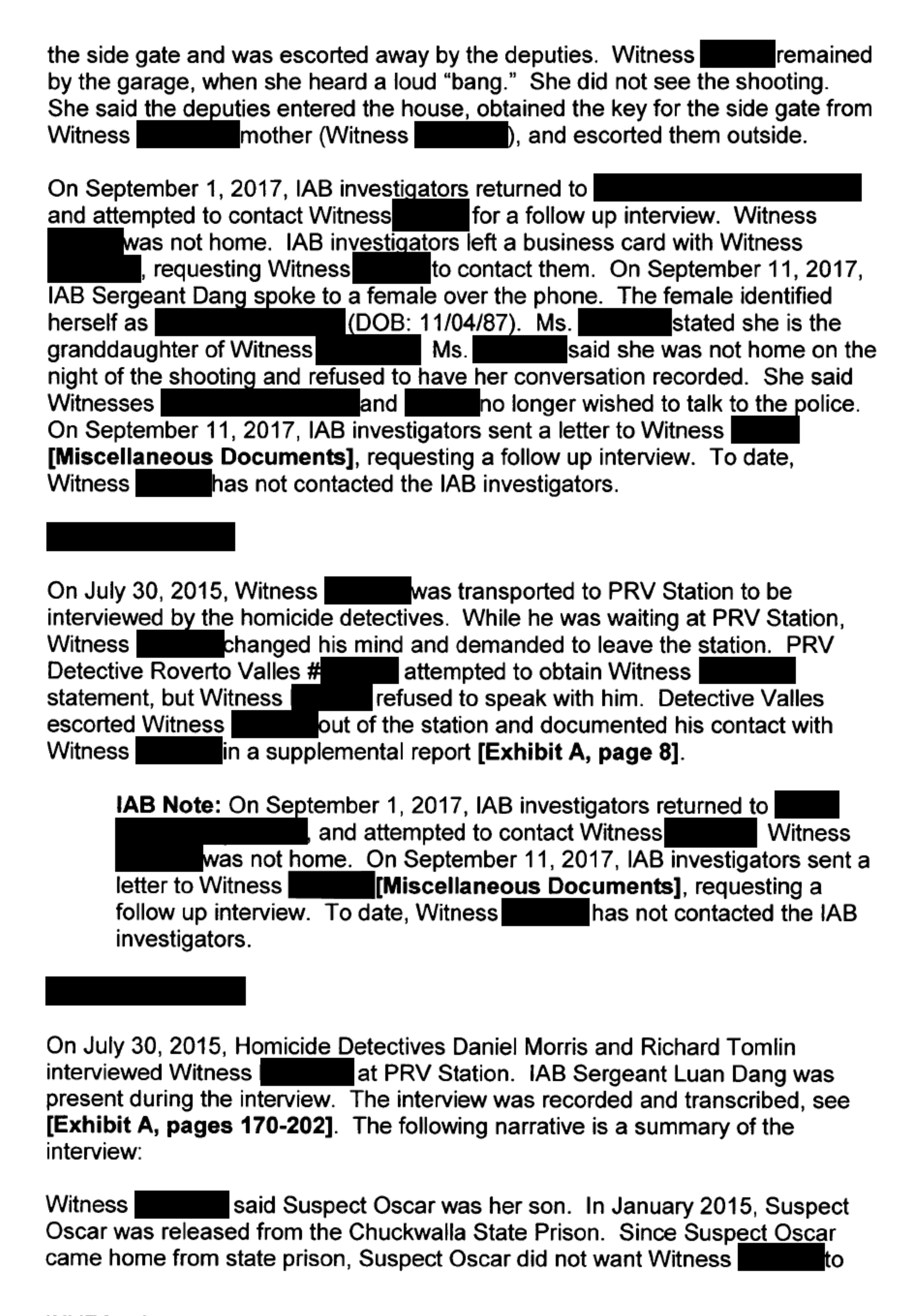
On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Witness [redacted] at PRV Station. IAB Sergeant Luan Dang was present during the interview. The interview was transcribed, see **[Exhibit A, pages 128-169]**. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] lived at [redacted], with her boyfriend (Witness [redacted] for approximately five to six years. According to Witness [redacted] Suspect Oscar had been drinking alcoholic beverages and tried to pick a fight with his brother (Witness [redacted] that evening. Witness [redacted] described Suspect Oscar as a "mean drunk." Suspect Oscar broke a wooden shelf and used a long 2x4 piece of wood as a weapon to attack Witness [redacted] **[Exhibit A, page 134].**

> **IAB Note:** In an effort to determine the length of the 2X4 piece of wood, IAB investigators attempted to conduct a follow up interview with Witness [redacted] She refused to heed the quest for an interview.

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] were afraid of Suspect Oscar, so they went to the garage, located at the rear of the property, to get away from him. Witness [redacted] heard sounds of glass breaking inside the house, prior to Suspect Oscar turning off the electricity for the entire house. Witness [redacted] said Witness [redacted] called PRV Station, and he told the police he did not want his brother (Suspect Oscar) to know he (Witness [redacted] called them. When deputies arrived the first time, Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] remained quiet in the garage. No one answered the front door, and the deputies left the house.

Afterward, Suspect Oscar broke more items inside the house. She did not know who called the deputies the second time. When deputies arrived, she stood in the driveway by the garage with Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] walked toward the side gate and spoke to the deputies. Since the side gate was locked, the deputies told Witness [redacted] to climb over it. Witness [redacted] jumped over


the side gate and was escorted away by the deputies. Witness [redacted] remained by the garage, when she heard a loud "bang." She did not see the shooting. She said the deputies entered the house, obtained the key for the side gate from Witness [redacted] mother (Witness [redacted]), and escorted them outside.

On September 1, 2017, IAB investigators returned to [redacted] and attempted to contact Witness [redacted] for a follow up interview. Witness [redacted] was not home. IAB investigators left a business card with Witness [redacted], requesting Witness [redacted] to contact them. On September 11, 2017, IAB Sergeant Dang spoke to a female over the phone. The female identified herself as [redacted] (DOB: 11/04/87). Ms. [redacted] stated she is the granddaughter of Witness [redacted] Ms. [redacted] said she was not home on the night of the shooting and refused to have her conversation recorded. She said Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] no longer wished to talk to the police. On September 11, 2017, IAB investigators sent a letter to Witness [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**, requesting a follow up interview. To date, Witness [redacted] has not contacted the IAB investigators.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Witness [redacted] was transported to PRV Station to be interviewed by the homicide detectives. While he was waiting at PRV Station, Witness [redacted] changed his mind and demanded to leave the station. PRV Detective Roverto Valles #[redacted] attempted to obtain Witness [redacted] statement, but Witness [redacted] refused to speak with him. Detective Valles escorted Witness [redacted] out of the station and documented his contact with Witness [redacted] in a supplemental report **[Exhibit A, page 8]**.

> **IAB Note:** On September 1, 2017, IAB investigators returned to [redacted], and attempted to contact Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] was not home. On September 11, 2017, IAB investigators sent a letter to Witness [redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents]**, requesting a follow up interview. To date, Witness [redacted] has not contacted the IAB investigators.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin interviewed Witness [redacted] at PRV Station. IAB Sergeant Luan Dang was present during the interview. The interview was recorded and transcribed, see **[Exhibit A, pages 170-202]**. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] said Suspect Oscar was her son. In January 2015, Suspect Oscar was released from the Chuckwalla State Prison. Since Suspect Oscar came home from state prison, Suspect Oscar did not want Witness [redacted] to

live with them. She said her two sons – Suspect Oscar and Witness [redacted] – argued with each other over their living arrangement. On the night of the incident, Suspect Oscar had been drinking. After her two sons calmed down, she went to sleep in her bedroom. Witness [redacted] woke up to a loud "pop," which she described "like a firecracker" **[Exhibit A, page 177].** She stayed in her bedroom until the deputies walked in to check on her. The deputies escorted her outside and asked her to unlock the side-gate. She complied. One of the deputies later drove her to PRV Station for an interview.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detective Brandt House and Sergeant Robert Gray interviewed Witness [redacted] at PRV Station. IAB Sergeant John Adams was present during the interview. The interview was recorded and later transcribed by IAB investigators. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was Suspect Oscar's friend. When he arrived at Suspect Oscar's house, he heard sounds of broken glass coming from inside the house. Witness [redacted] spoke to Witness [redacted] at the front porch and asked if she was okay. Witness [redacted] shook her head and asked him to go to the garage to check on Witness [redacted] welfare. Witness [redacted] walked toward the garage, and spoke with Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] Witness [redacted] said he called the police for help. Witness [redacted] believed it was about "family stuff" **[[redacted] Homicide Interview, page 6].**

Shortly thereafter, Witness [redacted] saw the deputies arrive and Witness [redacted] walk out to contact them by the side gate. Witness [redacted] stayed in the garage, where he heard one of the deputies tell Witness [redacted] to jump over the side gate. Witness [redacted] complied. Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] that the deputies would be coming into the rear yard soon. He placed his hands on his head in preparation of the deputies' arrival. Later, Witness [redacted] heard one of the deputies ask Witness [redacted] to unlock the side gate. After the side gate was unlocked, the deputies escorted him to a police car. Witness [redacted] said, "All I heard was banging at the door" **[[redacted] Homicide Interview, page 17].** He did not see the front of the house from where he was standing.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detective Brandt House and Sergeant Robert Gray interviewed Witness [redacted] at PRV Station. IAB Sergeant John Adams was present during the interview. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was Suspect Oscar's adult son. Witness [redacted] left for work at approximately 2242 hours on the night of the incident. He said his father had been drinking beer that evening. Approximately 30 minutes after he arrived at

work, Witness [redacted] received a telephone call from a neighbor friend (NFD), who advised him his father was "acting up" and the police were at his house. Witness [redacted] refused to identify the neighbor friend to the Homicide Investigators. Witness [redacted] left work and drove home to check on his family. When Witness [redacted] was around the corner from his house, he heard a single gunshot. Witness [redacted] drove home and saw the broken front window and some displaced flower pots, which were neither broken nor displaced before he left for work earlier that evening. Witness [redacted] came home and realized his father was already dead. He saw his father "on the floor" [[redacted] **Homicide Interview, page 3].**

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detective Brandt House and Sergeant Robert Gray interviewed Witness [redacted] at PRV Station. IAB Sergeant John Adams was present during the interview. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was Witness [redacted] live-in girlfriend. She said Witness [redacted] father (Suspect Oscar) had been drinking alcoholic beverages named "Four Locos" that evening. She heard Suspect Oscar complain about everyone living at the house, including the family dog.

At approximately 2245 hours, Witness [redacted] gave Witness [redacted] a ride to work at a nearby McDonald's restaurant. While she was still at the McDonald's parking lot, she received a telephone call from a neighbor friend named "[redacted] (later identified as Mr. [redacted], who lived across the street from her place of residence. Witness [redacted] told Witness [redacted] something was going on at her house. Witness [redacted] called Witness [redacted] ([redacted] grandmother), but Witness [redacted] did not answer her phone. Witness [redacted] sent a text message to Witness [redacted] advising him of the trouble at home. Upon receiving Witness [redacted] text message, Witness [redacted] left work with her. While they were on their way home, Witness [redacted] called Witness [redacted] to get an update from him. Witness [redacted] reportedly told her the police had arrived at her house. When she was around the corner from home, she heard a single gunshot. They arrived at the location, but the deputies did not allow them to return on their home. Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] stood across the street at a neighbor's house. They were later detained by the deputies and transported to PRV Station for an interview.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detective Brandt House and Sergeant Robert Gray interviewed Witness [redacted] at [redacted] The interview was recorded and later transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] lived at [redacted] which was across the street from the location where the incident occurred. At approximately 2100 hours, on July 29, 2015, Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Oscar arguing with his family. Witness [redacted] left her residence to visit her sister. When she came home later that same night, she again heard arguments coming from Suspect Oscar's house. Witness [redacted] saw deputies arrive at Suspect Oscar's house. However, they left shortly thereafter because no one answered the front door and the house was dark **[[redacted] Homicide Interview, page 3].**

Approximately an hour later, Witness [redacted] heard the sound of glass breaking, coming from inside Suspect Oscar's residence. Witness [redacted] saw some deputies at Suspect Oscar's house again. Witness [redacted] saw Witness [redacted] climb over the side gate to contact the deputies. At this time, Suspect Oscar kicked open the front door and came out swinging with what "looked like a big piece of wood" at a deputy **[[redacted] Homicide Interview, page 3].** Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Oscar hit the deputy with a piece of wood, before she heard the gunshot. She believed if the deputy did not shoot Suspect Oscar, the deputy would have "gotten hurt" **[[redacted] Homicide Interview, page 5]**.

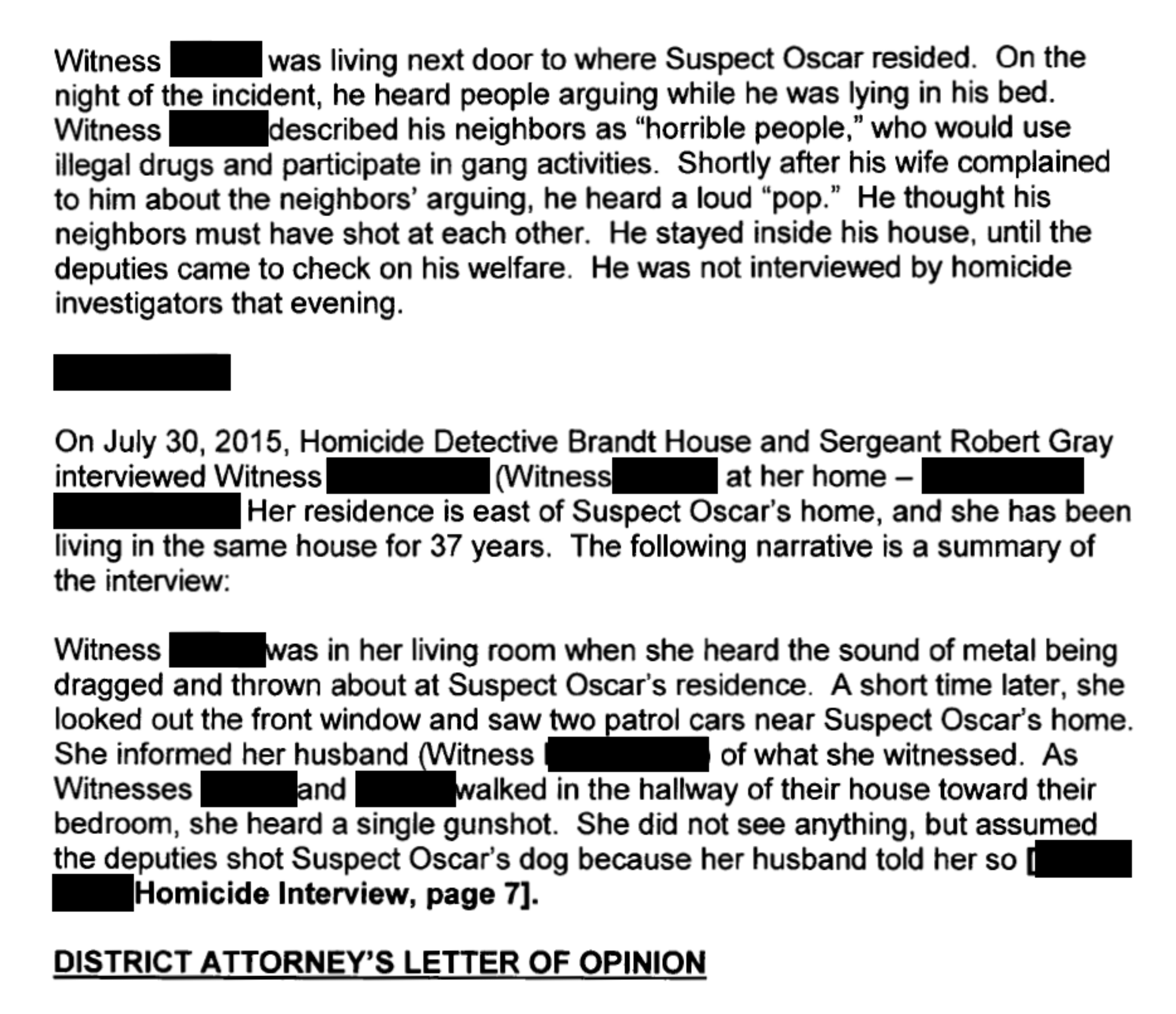
> **IAB Note:** There was no "big piece of wood" found within the vicinity of the suspect's body.

[redacted]

IAB investigators identified Mr. [redacted] (Witness [redacted] as the person, who notified Witness [redacted] about the family disturbance on the night of the incident. Witness [redacted] used to live at [redacted] with his girlfriend (Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] left his house prior to the homicide investigators' arrival. During the course of homicide's investigation, homicide investigators could not contact Witness [redacted] On September 1, 2017, IAB investigators responded to [redacted] and discovered Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] had already moved and they did not provide a forwarding address. Utilizing Department resources, IAB investigators located a telephone number for Witness [redacted] According to Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] refused to provide his current address to the police. IAB investigators obtained Witness [redacted] telephone number from Witness [redacted] and left several messages for Witness [redacted] to call; however, Witness [redacted] made no effort to contact the IAB investigators.

[redacted]

On September 4, 2017, IAB Sergeant Dang interviewed Witness [redacted] (Witness [redacted] via the telephone. The interview was recorded and transcribed. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:



Witness [redacted] was living next door to where Suspect Oscar resided. On the night of the incident, he heard people arguing while he was lying in his bed. Witness [redacted] described his neighbors as "horrible people," who would use illegal drugs and participate in gang activities. Shortly after his wife complained to him about the neighbors' arguing, he heard a loud "pop." He thought his neighbors must have shot at each other. He stayed inside his house, until the deputies came to check on his welfare. He was not interviewed by homicide investigators that evening.

[redacted]

On July 30, 2015, Homicide Detective Brandt House and Sergeant Robert Gray interviewed Witness [redacted] (Witness [redacted] at her home – [redacted] Her residence is east of Suspect Oscar's home, and she has been living in the same house for 37 years. The following narrative is a summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] was in her living room when she heard the sound of metal being dragged and thrown about at Suspect Oscar's residence. A short time later, she looked out the front window and saw two patrol cars near Suspect Oscar's home. She informed her husband (Witness [redacted] of what she witnessed. As Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] walked in the hallway of their house toward their bedroom, she heard a single gunshot. She did not see anything, but assumed the deputies shot Suspect Oscar's dog because her husband told her so [[redacted] **Homicide Interview, page 7].**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Suspect Oscar by Deputy Huerta. In their Letter of Opinion **[Exhibit B]**, dated May 5, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy Huerta acted lawfully in self-defense when he used deadly force against Suspect Oscar. There would be no further action by the District Attorney's Office.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Steven Huerta, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	January 17, 2002
Date Assigned to PRV Station:	November 10, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]

Prior Shooting incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Key ring
Two magazine pouches with magazines
Expandable Baton (ASP)
Radio
Two handcuff cases
Smith & Wesson M&P
Flashlight
PR-24 baton (attached to his warbag in the trunk of his radio car)

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station

Work History

Date of Employment: December 18, 2006
Date Assigned to PRV Station: July 28, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training:  [redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Key ring
Two magazine pouches with magazines
Expandable Baton (ASP)
Radio
Two handcuff cases
Beretta 92FS
Smith and Wesson 2-inch five shot revolver
Taser
Flashlight
PR-24 baton (attached to his warbag in the trunk of his radio car)

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Oscar Lotari Romero
Male, Hispanic, DOB: April 23, 1968; 5'11"; 185 pounds
[redacted]



CII #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], FBI #[redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Oscar's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigation Book **[Exhibit A, pages 46-63]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Oscar sustained one gunshot wound to the face. The bullet entered below the right eye. The bullet fragments were found in his brain **[Exhibit A, page 64]**. There was no exit wound. Suspect Oscar sustained a puncture wound in the right lower quadrant abdominal region.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputy Huerta's left triceps were swollen.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Detectives Kevin Acebedo and Judy Luera. The homicide detectives were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist David Ozeta #[redacted], and Deputy John Chun #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Investigation Book **[Exhibit A, pages 15-18]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Three hours transpired from the incident to IAB investigator's observations. The scene was described in detail by Homicide Detectives Kevin Acebedo and Judy Luera **[Exhibit A, pages 15-18]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed by the Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel **[EXHIBIT D]**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTIES HUERTA AND [redacted]

Deputy Huerta fired one round of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Phil Teramoto of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[Exhibit E]**.

One expended 9mm casing was recovered at the scene **[Exhibit A, page 16]**. Bullet fragments were recovered from Suspect Oscar's brain **[Exhibit A, page 72]**.



Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

Deputy [redacted] deployed his X-26 Taser at Suspect Oscar and activated it for a five-second duration **[Exhibit A, Page 127]**. It was fully functional.

Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT OSCAR ROMERO

A broken metal broom handle.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT OSCAR ROMERO

A glass window and miscellaneous household items.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation regarding this incident was handled by Homicide Detectives Daniel Morris and Richard Tomlin of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. No charges were filed.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by two functioning street lights on Rose Hedge Drive and external lights from the surrounding residences **[Exhibit A, page 16]**. The weather was clear and cool.